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A notice of allowance was issued for the present application on November 19, 2009, indicating that the issue fee is due on February 19, 2010. The issue fee is being submitted for the present application in conjunction with this request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 154(b) the United States Patent and Trademark Office has calculated a patent term adjustment of 746 days. (*See* Notice of Allowance, included herewith as Exhibit A.)

Applicant's Attorney believes that the patent term adjustment should be an additional 306 days of patent term adjustment, for a total of 1052 days. For the reasons stated herein, reconsideration of this patent term adjustment is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.705(b). Please charge the petition fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(e) to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. Please charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

The patent term adjustment for U.S. patent application number 10/776,721 was calculated by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office based on activities and associated dates detailed in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system Patent Term Adjustment History, attached as Exhibit B. Applicant's Attorney believes that errors and/or omissions in the calculation may have resulted in an incorrect patent term adjustment for U.S. patent application number 10/776,721 as described in detail below. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.705(d), this request for reconsideration is being filed within two months of the issue date of the above-referenced patent. Note that U.S. patent application number 10/776,721 is not subject to a terminal disclaimer. In addition, there were no circumstances during the prosecution of the application resulting in the patent that constitute a failure of the Applicant to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of the present application as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.704.

**Period of adjustment for activities prior to mailing of Notice of Allowance**

As detailed in the Patent Term Adjustment History that is attached as Exhibit B, the patent term adjustment indicated on the Notice of Allowance was 746 days.

**Period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)**

The period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a) constitutes the “A period” or “A delay” under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(A). Applicant’s Attorney has calculated the “A period” delay in this case as 746 days.

**Period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b)**

The period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b) is the number of days in the period beginning on the day (“the 3 year date”) after the date that is three years after the date on which the application was filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) until the patent issues, not including the period from the filing of an RCE until the patent issues. This period of time constitutes the “B period” or “B delay” under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B).

The present application was filed on February 11, 2004 as evidenced by the official filing receipt attached as Exhibit C. The 3 year date determined pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b) is February 11, 2007. An RCE was filed on February 28, 2008. Therefore, the “B period” delay is 382 days.

**Total patent term adjustment**

Under *Wyeth v. Kappos*, No. 2009-1120 (Fed. Cir. Jan. 7, 2010), the “A period” and “B period” delay should be added together to the extent that they do not overlap.

As indicated by the PAIR system Patent Term Adjustment History, attached as Exhibit B, the period of time from February 11, 2007 until April 27, 2007 (76 days) is “A period” delay and “B Period” delay. This 76 days is overlap and should only be counted once.

According to our calculations, we believe that the total patent term adjustment should be: 746 ("A Period") plus 382 ("B period") minus 76 (overlap), equals 1052 days. Therefore, we believe the total patent term adjustment should be 1052 days instead of 746 days indicated on the Notice of Allowance attached as Exhibit A.

It is respectfully asserted that the patent term adjustment determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for U.S. patent application number 10/776,721 may not be correct. Accordingly, Applicant's Attorney respectfully requests the U.S. Patent and Trademark office to reconsider, and make revisions to the PAIR system Patent Term Adjustment History in view of the previous remarks to award 1052 days. In addition, it is respectfully requested that the patent term adjustment be re-calculated by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in view of the above remarks. Moreover, it is respectfully requested a Certificate of Correction be issued for U.S. patent application number 10/776,721 to indicate that 1052 days of patent term adjustment have been awarded, if a patent issues before the re-calculation and correction is made. Office personnel are invited to contact Applicant's Attorney via telephone (direct line (734) 302-6022) if such communication would be beneficial in fulfilling this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Exhibit A



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EXAMINER

SEVERSON, RYAN J

ART UNIT

PAPER NUMBER

3731

DATE MAILED: 11/19/2009

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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10/776,721

02/11/2004

Thomas A. Osborne

8627-451

2837

TITLE OF INVENTION: REMOVABLE VENA CAVA FILTER

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1510	\$300	\$0	\$1810	02/19/2010

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- ☐ a. Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27. ☐ b. Applicant is no longer claiming SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2).

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## Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 746 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 746 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/776,721	OSBORNE, THOMAS A.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Ryan J. Severson	3731	

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendments filed 7/23/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,6,8-16,18,19 and 56-59.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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## Exhibit B

**Patent Term Adjustments**

Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) for Application Number: 10/776,721

Filing or 371(c) Date:	02-11-2004	USPTO Delay (PTO) Delay (days):	746
Issue Date of Patent:	-	Three Years:	-
Pre-Issue Petitions (days):	+0	Applicant Delay (APPL) Delay (days):	0
Post-Issue Petitions (days):	+0	Total PTA (days):	746
USPTO Adjustment(days):	+0	Explanation Of Calculations	

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11-19-2009	Mail Notice of Allowance		
11-14-2009	Document Verification		
11-14-2009	Notice of Allowance Data Verification Completed		
09-07-2009	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
07-23-2009	Response after Non-Final Action		
04-23-2009	Mail Non-Final Rejection		
04-23-2009	Non-Final Rejection		
02-20-2009	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
02-20-2009	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
01-28-2009	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)		
02-20-2009	Disposal for a RCE / CPA / R129		
01-28-2009	Workflow - Request for RCE - Begin		
01-15-2009	Mail Advisory Action (PTOL - 303)		
01-15-2009	Advisory Action (PTOL-303)		
01-13-2009	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
12-29-2008	Amendment after Final Rejection		
12-22-2008	Mail Examiner Interview Summary (PTOL - 413)		
12-16-2008	Examiner Interview Summary Record (PTOL - 413)		
10-28-2008	Mail Final Rejection (PTOL - 326)		
10-27-2008	Final Rejection		
08-23-2008	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
07-30-2008	Response after Non-Final Action		
05-21-2008	Mail Examiner Interview Summary (PTOL - 413)		
05-15-2008	Examiner Interview Summary Record (PTOL - 413)		
04-30-2008	Mail Non-Final Rejection		
04-28-2008	Non-Final Rejection		
03-07-2008	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
03-07-2008	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
02-28-2008	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)		
03-07-2008	Disposal for a RCE / CPA / R129		
03-06-2008	Mail Examiner Interview Summary (PTOL - 413)		
02-26-2008	Examiner Interview Summary Record (PTOL - 413)		
02-28-2008	Workflow - Request for RCE - Begin		

02-20-2008	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU	
02-19-2008	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU	
02-12-2008	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU	
02-01-2008	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU	
11-28-2007	Mail Final Rejection (PTOL - 326)	
11-26-2007	Final Rejection	
09-13-2007	Date Forwarded to Examiner	
09-06-2007	Response after Non-Final Action	
06-06-2007	Mail Non-Final Rejection	
05-29-2007	Non-Final Rejection	
05-17-2004	Information Disclosure Statement considered	
10-29-2004	Information Disclosure Statement considered	
05-25-2007	Date Forwarded to Examiner	
05-21-2007	Response to Election / Restriction Filed	
04-27-2007	Mail Restriction Requirement	746
04-26-2007	Requirement for Restriction / Election	↑
07-25-2006	Miscellaneous Incoming Letter	↑
03-16-2005	IFW TSS Processing by Tech Center Complete	↑
10-29-2004	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed	↑
10-29-2004	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed	↑
05-17-2004	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed	↑
05-17-2004	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed	↑
03-16-2005	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU	↑
10-29-2004	Reference capture on IDS	↑
05-17-2004	Reference capture on IDS	↑
08-09-2004	Application Return from OIPE	↑
08-09-2004	Application Return TO OIPE	↑
08-09-2004	Application Dispatched from OIPE	↑
08-09-2004	Application Is Now Complete	↑
03-19-2004	Cleared by OIPE CSR	↑
03-06-2004	IFW Scan & PACR Auto Security Review	↑
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## FILING RECEIPT



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## Applicant(s)

Thomas A. Osborne, Bloomington, IN;

## Assignment For Published Patent Application

Cook Incorporated;

## Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This appln claims benefit of 60/446,711 02/11/2003

## Foreign Applications

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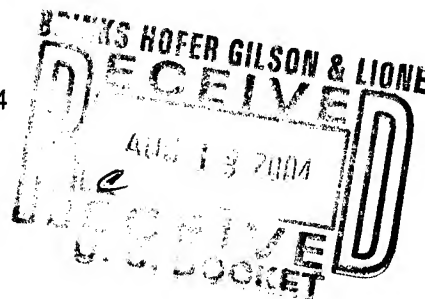
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Early Publication Request: No

## Title

Removable vena cava filter



**Preliminary Class**

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